



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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GEORGIA DOT AWARDS GATEway LANDSCAPE GRANTS

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation has awarded more than \$ 644,000 in GATEway beautification grants to 20 local governments and civic organizations around the state. The three-year-old GATEway program uses outdoor advertising vegetation removal permit fees to fund local beautification projects on state routes.

“This is a wonderful program in which the Department can partner with our local governments and others to enhance the landscapes of their communities,” Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr., said. “It’s important for every city and county to present a warm, friendly and beautiful first impression. Gateways’ helps them do that.”

The projects range from interstate highway interchange panoramas to landscape embellishments at city limits entrance signs. The 20 selected works were among 54 submissions in 2010 to the 12-member, gubernatorially appointed Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council, whose members include representatives of the Department, the Georgia Conservancy, the Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc., the Georgia Wildlife Federation, the Sierra Club and the University of Georgia School of Environmental Design faculty.

Any organization, local government, or state agency can apply for a grant up to \$ 50,000, contingent upon authorization by a local government and an agreement to perpetually maintain the project as a primary goal of the GATEway program is to fund enduring roadside enhancements.

The GATEway Grant web site is available at:

<http://www.dot.state.ga.us/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/gateway/Pages/default.aspx>.

2010 award recipients and projects are as follows:

Local Government Entity	Amount Awarded	Site Location
Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District	\$ 35,000.00	S.R. 403
Union County	\$ 46,154.95	Hwy 515 MP 8.7
City of Colbert	\$ 25,000.00	SR 72 MP 5
City of Toccoa	\$ 16,000.00	S.R. 17 and 365 MP 10
City of Winder	\$ 19,357.00	SR. 81 MP 5
City of Flowery Branch	\$ 50,000.00	SR 13 MP 4

Columbia County Board of Commissioners	\$ 27,000.00	S.R. 104 and 232
City of Madison	\$ 40,000.00	S.R. 129 and 441
City of Wadley I	\$ 24,741.00	S.R. 4 Business MP 2
City of Wadley II	\$ 24,804.00	S.R 4 Business MP 6
Augusta Richmond County	\$ 50,000.00	S.R. 4 MP 20
Berrien County Chamber of Commerce	\$ 21,621.00	S.R. 76 at MP 3
City of Hinesville	\$ 50,000.00	S.R. 196 MP 3
Reinhardt University	\$ 37,804.75	S.R. 140 MP 6
Adamsville Neighborhood Association	\$ 50,000.00	U.S. 139 at I-285
Cascade Business and Merchants Association	\$ 50,000.00	I-285 MP 8
City of Johns Creek	\$ 11,025.00	S.R. 120
Cumberland Community Improvement District	\$ 45,500.00	S.R. 3 MP 2
City of Chattahoochee Hills	\$ 48,241.00	S.R. 70 MP 11
City of Marietta	\$ 6,825.00	S.R. 120 MP 5
Total Awarded for 2010: \$ 644,073.70		

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